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## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- A method for recovering mesenchymal stem cells, comprising:
- (a) providing a mixture comprising mesenchymal stem cells:
  - (b) seeding the mixture into a culture device; and
    - (c) recovering and culturing the mesenchymal stem cells.
- 2. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said culture device comprises a plate with pores, wherein the pore size is sufficient for separating mesenchymal stem cells from other cells.
- 3. The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein the pore size ranges from about 0.4 to 40 microns in diameter.
- 4. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the mixture comprises cells selected from the group consisting of mammals, animals, and plants.
- 5. The method as claimed in claim 4, wherein the cells are selected from the group consisting of fractioned tissues, un-fractioned tissues, bloods, and body fluids.
- 1 6. The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the mammal 2 comprises human.
- 7. The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the cells
   are selected from the group consisting of bone marrow,

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- 3 embryonic yolk sac, placenta, umbilical cord, and fetal,
- 4 adolescent and adult body fluids and tissues.
- 1 8. The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the
- 2 mesenchymal stem cells have the capability of self-renewal
- 3 and pluripotent differentiation.
  - The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the mesenchymal stem cells can differentiate into tissues comprising bone, adipose, or cartilage.
- 1 10. The method as claimed in claim 8, wherein the 2 mesenchymal stem cells are characterized by CD34<sup>7</sup>.
  - 11. The method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the mesenchymal stem cells are cultured in DMEM-LG medium containing 10% fetal bovine serum.
- 1 12. An isolated mesenchymal stem cell recovered by the
- 2 method as claimed in claim 1, which has the capability of
- 3 self-renewal and pluripotent differentiation.
- 1 13. The mesenchymal stem cell as claimed in claim 12,
- 2 which can differentiate into tissues comprising bone,
- 3 adipose, or cartilage.
- 1 14. The mesenchymal stem cell as claimed in claim 12,
- 2 which is characterized by CD34.
- 1 15. A composition comprising the mesenchymal stem cell
- 2 as claimed in claim 12 and a culture medium, wherein the
- 3 medium expands the mesenchymal stem cell.

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- 1 16. The composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein the 2 mesenchymal stem cell is characterized by CD34.
- 1 17. The composition as claimed in claim 15, wherein the 2 medium comprises DMEM-LG medium containing 10% fetal bovine 3 serum.
- 1 18. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the
  2 mesenchymal stem cell as claimed in claim 12 and a
  3 pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein the mesenchymal
  4 stem cell is present in an amount sufficient to serve as
- 5 tissue replacement or gene therapy for tissues damaged by 6 age, trauma, and disease.
- 1 19. The pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim
  2 18, wherein the mesenchymal stem cell can differentiate into
- 3 tissues comprising bone, adipose, or cartilage.
- 1 20. The composition as claimed in claim 18, wherein the 2 mesenchymal stem cell is characterized by  ${\rm CD34}^-$ .